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Some Evening Reveries

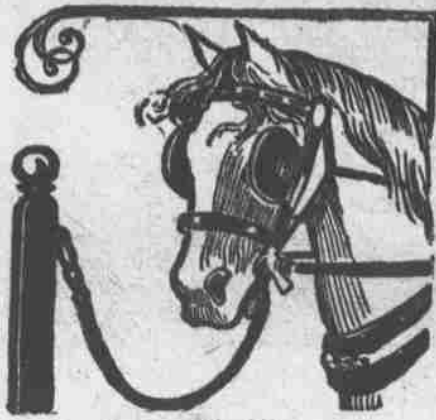
Would that our busy toilers could realize that they must enjoy passing days, if they would be happy. The pleasure to which they look forward seldom comes. The man or woman who has not learned contentment and how to find delight in the present, has little reason to expect it in the near future.

Be content to do the duty that lies nearest you, and look not to man for praise and approval. 'Tis not so much what we do as what we are, and as to "what we are" we speak most forcibly through our actions; but we cannot act unless is something within that impels us to action. We are touching our fellow beings on all sides. They are affected for good or evil by what we say and do, even by what we think and feel.

Many in their great anxiety for gain undertake too much and work like slaves to accomplish it, only to find at the end of the year they have gained little by it. Think more and work less. Life is short and it was meant that you should enjoy it. Are you fretted and despondent? Then rest. Take more sleep; have a holiday. Get cheered up and those about you. While your life should be a busy one let it also be a happy one. Do not undertake too much. Be not too anxious. Be cheerful, truthful, hopeful and contented.

Words of cheer are words of help. Words of gloom are words of harm. There is a bright side and a dark side to every phrase of life, and to every hour of time. If we speak of the bright side, we bring the brightness into prominence; if we speak of the dark side, we deepen its shadows. It is in our power to help or to hinder by a word any and every person whom we are with. If we see a look of health or of hope in the face of an acquaintance whom we casually meet, and we tell him so, he goes on his way with new life in his veins. If we see a look of failing strength and of heaviness of heart in one to whom we speak, and we emphasize the fact that he looks poorly, we give him a push downward as our contribution to the forces which affect his course. A look or a word can help or can harm our fellow. It is for us to give cheer or gloom as we pass on way in life; and we are responsible for the results of our influence accordingly.

The mother heart does not need soft satin and lace and embroidered linens and rose-hooded candles to make itself felt. It beats just as devotedly and happily under cheap cottons as under silken folds; it watches in the silence of the night by the lowly couch of some little sufferer as tenderly as it does by the side of some other little patient in the splendid mansion; it reaches out to the convict behind prison doors with the same love that glories in the success of a renowned statesman. Mother love in its countless combination furnishes a theme as old as the hills perhaps, but one from which the noblest of inspirations are drawn. In nearly all relations of life, from those of blood to those of friendship, wonderful combinations can be made—combinations which illustrate to the world the evenings.



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great heights which a pure love can attain, combinations which act as gigantic reflectors which not only send light into dark places, but which draw all within reach into the circle of their brightness.

The Postcard Habit

St. Joseph News-Press.

It may never have occurred to you through the whole year to sit down and tell absent friends the things they really want to know about, what you are doing, what rewards, joys, and sorrows life has brought you. But once you get off on a trip, you somehow feel that they are greatly comforted to receive postcards picturing the White House at Washington, or the summit of Pike's Peak. Better pictures of these objects will be found in their works of reference on their own book shelves.

The postcard habit is particularly popular, because it is such a cheap way to pay the debts of friendship. You feel that you want to keep up with the old friends. But letter writing grows more burdensome every year. Lo, at every news stand the postcard stares you in the face, with its specious claim that it squares the debts of friendship. In view of the many you receive, very likely it does.

Modern life runs at express train speed. There is no longer time for those pleasant stops along the way like an old-fashioned accommodation train. Formerly you could stop off for a little stay here and there and see how people lived in their simple lives along the way. Now, on our fast trains, the only thing to be done is to throw a postcard out of the window as you whiz past at forty to fifty miles an hour, or send it back by Uncle Sam from the next station, which is the same thing.

Friendships that are fed only by such communications of soul as "I'm at Atlantic City. This is how it looks. How are you? So long!" can hardly remain very vital. But the philosopher must take life as it is and make the best of it. The pleasant side of the postcard habit is that it gives you such satisfactory souvenirs of your journeyings, be they long or brief. Formerly you had to pay 25 cents or more apiece for elaborate photographs. The postcard gives you the same thing for two cents. And drawn. In nearly all relations of life, from those of blood to those of friendship, wonderful combinations can be made—combinations which illustrate to the world the evenings.

Fiftieth Anniversary

Elisba Childress of Laclede, who was a member of Co. K, 113th Ill. Volunteers, a regiment that during its three years of service in the civil war lost more men killed and wounded than the original number enlisted, has received the following invitation:

"1862 Fiftieth Anniversary 1912. The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago requests the honor of your presence at a Reception and Entertainment on Thursday afternoon, August twenty-second, nineteen hundred and twelve, at five o'clock. The Board of Trade Exchange Hall, Jackson Boulevard and La Salle Street, Chicago. Frank M. Bunch, president. Walter S. Blowney, acting secretary."

The following explanation accompanied the invitation: "When President Abraham Lincoln issued the call for additional troops in July, 1862, the Chicago Board of Trade took upon itself the raising and fathering three regiments of infantry and one battery of light artillery, which carried the Board of Trade name as follows: The Board of Trade Battery; First Board Trade Regiment (72nd Ill. Volunteers); Second Board of Trade Regiment 88th Ill. Volunteers; Third Board of Trade Regiment (113th Ill. Volunteers).

"The first Board of Trade Regiment, the 72nd, organized in July, left for the front August 23rd, 1862. The Board of Trade Battery, organized in July, was delayed for want of its guns, but left for the front fully equipped September 9th. The second Board of Trade Regiment, 88th, mustered August 27th, left for the front September 4th. The third Board of Trade Regiment, organized in September, of four Chicago Companies and the balance of the regiment composed of companies from Kankakee and Iroquois counties, was completed on September 16th, mustered October 1st, and left for the front November 6th, 1862.

"All did valiant service, reflecting great honor on the name which they carried going from this institution.

"It now being fifty years since enlistment and service it is our privilege to recognize those commands by entertaining in a royal and respectful manner the few survivors who helped preserve us a Union, and this Board of Trade desires to acknowledge the same by such entertainment as will show the patriotism and loyalty that still exist among the present members of this great institution, which in so many ways has helped to maintain and advance the interests of this Nation in its wonderful growth of the last half century."

Mirror: Two young men raced their teams on the way to Brookfield Wednesday, and one buggy was overturned, causing the serious injury of Roy Bixby. His sister, Miss Nannie, and Miss Helen Montgomery, who accompanied him, were severely shaken and bruised. Mr. Bixby and his sister reside near Brunswick. They had come here on their way to the Brookfield fair and had asked Miss Montgomery to go with them. When they were about five miles west of this place, another young man driving a team tried to pass them and a short race ensued. Bixby's buggy was run into a ditch and overturned, the occupants being thrown out with the above result. The injured parties were brought to Marceline in the motor car of John Staples, and are now at the residence of Wm. Montgomery, where Mr. Bixby is said to be improving. He was formerly a clerk for the Taylor pharmacy.

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J. B. PATRICK

Reunion Notes

The following officers have been elected for the old settlers' association for the next year: Jesse Turner, president; J. W. Phillips, secretary; A. W. Mullins, treasurer. Vice-presidents were elected from the several townships as follows: E. C. Phillips, Baker; E. B. Fields, North Benton; A. M. Hunter, South Benton; Geo. W. Martin, Walter Brownlee, Brookfield; G. W. Nester, Bucklin; Dr. J. H. Tharp, Clay; Jas. Gooch, Enterprise; J. H. Guyer, Grantsville; J. O. L. Phillips, Jackson; W. B. Calhoun, Jefferson; Alex. Brinkley, Locust Creek; C. G. Bigger, C. M. Kendrick, Marceline; Perry McCollum, North Salem; W. Moorehead, Parson Creek; C. E. Kelley, Yellow Creek.

The following special premiums were awarded: Netted work, Mrs. Kate Morris; hand loom work, Mrs. Cornelia Fetty; knitted work, Mrs. Kate Morris; needle work relics, Mrs. Kate Morris; oldest coin, Mrs. T. E. Burbank, date 1622; oldest couple married in Linn county, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Bowyer; oldest relic, gun, Lars Casper-son; oldest man, Alford Ward, 86; oldest lady, Mrs. Elizabeth McLaughlin, 89; prettiest child under two years old, Mary Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Karle, second, Leora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Grice; prettiest baby under one year old, Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Len Moffett, second, Eunice Olive, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Landree.

Commenting on the reunion, the News says: During the past year 122 of the old settlers of Linn county have died, of whom 68 were over 60 years of age, 27 over 70 years, 22 over 80 years, four over 90 years and one over 100 years of age. The last-mentioned person was Mrs. Lottie Woolfskill of Bucklin who was 104 years old.

There is always a ray of light to pierce our gloom, if we will not close our eyes and refuse to see it.

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